



24 Port 10/100 + 2-Port Gigabit Switch **User Guide** with WebView



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### How to Use this Guide

Your guide to the 24-port 10/100 + 2-Port Gigabit Switch with WebView has been designed to make understanding networking with the switch easier than ever. Look for the following items when reading this User Guide:



This checkmark means there is a note of interest and is something you should pay special attention to while using the Switch.



This exclamation point means there is a caution or warning and is something that could damage your property or the Switch.



This question mark provides you with a reminder about something you might need to do while using the Switch.

In addition to these symbols, there are definitions for technical terms that are presented like this: **word:** definition.

Also, each figure (diagram, screenshot, or other image) is provided with a figure number and description, like this:

Figure 0-1: Sample Figure Description

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# **Chapter 1: Introduction**

### Welcome

Thank you for choosing the 24-port 10/100 + 2-Port Gigabit Switch with WebView. This Switch will allow you to network better than ever.

This new Linksys rackmount switch delivers non-blocking, wire speed switching for your 10, and 100 megabit network clients, plus multiple options for connecting to your network backbone. Twenty-four 10/100 ports wire up your workstations, while the two integrated 10/100/1000BaseTX ports connect to other switches and the backbone at Gigabit speeds. And the mini GBIC port allows future expansion to alternate transmission media like optical fiber.

It features WebView monitoring and configuration via your web browser, making it easy to manage the 64 VLANs and up to 7 trunking groups. Or if you prefer, you can use the integrated console port to configure the switch. The non-blocking, wire-speed switching forwards packets as fast as your network can deliver them.

All ports have automatic MDI/MDI-X crossover detection. Each port independently and automatically negotiates for best speed and whether to run in half- or full-duplex mode. Head-of-line blocking prevention keeps your high-speed clients from bogging down in lower-speed traffic and fast store-and-forward switching prevents damaged packets from being passed on into the network.

Use the instructions in this User Guide to help you connect the Switch, set it up, and configure it to bridge your different networks. These instructions should be all you need to get the most out of the 24-port 10/100 + 2-Port Gigabit Switch with WebView.

### What's in this Guide?

This user guide covers the steps for setting up and using the Switch.

• Chapter 1: Introduction

This chapter describes the Switch's applications and this User Guide.

Chapter 2: Getting to Know the Switch

This chapter describes the physical features of the Switch.

. Chapter 3: Connecting the Switch

This chapter describes how to connect the Switch.

. Chapter 4: Configuration using the Console Interface

This chapter instructs you on how to use the Switch's console interface for configuring the Switch.

. Chapter 5: Configuring the Switch through the Web Utility

This chapter shows you how to configure the Switch usign the Web Utility.

Appendix A: Fast Ethernet and Gigabit Ethernet

This appendix describes the various Ethernets.

Appendix B: Cabling

This appendix discusses different types of cabling.

• Appendix C: Windows Help

This appendix describes how you can use Windows Help for instructions about networking, such as installing the TCP/IP protocol.

Appendix D: Glossary

This appendix gives a brief glossary of terms frequently used in networking.

Appendix E: Specifications

This appendix provides the Switch's technical specifications.

Appendix F: Warranty Information

This appendix supplies the Switch's warranty information.

• Appendix G: Regulatory Information

This appendix supplies the Switch's regulatory information.

• Appendix H: Contact Information
This appendix provides contact information for a variety of Linksys resources, including Technical Support.

# **Chapter 2: Getting to Know the Switch**

### **The Front Panel**

The Switch's LEDs and ports are located on the front panel.



Figure 2-1: Front Panel

**LEDs** 

**System** Green. Lights to indicate the power is being supplied to the Switch.

LINK/ACT Green. Lights to indicate a functional network link through the corresponding port (1

through 24) with an attached device. Blinks to indicate that the Switch is actively sending

or receiving data over that port.

**Ports** 

LAN (1-24) The LAN (Local Area Network) ports connect to Ethernet network devices, such as other

switches or routers.

miniGBIB

Gigabit 1 / Gigabit 2 / The switch is equipped with two Gigabit ports and a mini GBIC port that is shared with

Gigabit Port 2. If Gigabit Port 2 is being used, the minGBIC port cannot be used. They link to

high-speed network peripheral system or clients at speeds of up to

1000Mbps.

Gigabit Green. Lights to indicate the port is working in Gigabit mode.

The Console port is where you connect a serial cable from a PC's serial port. Console

### **The Back Panel**

The power port is located on the back panel of the Switch.



Figure 2-2: Back Panel

**Power** 

The **Power** port is where you will connect the power cord.

### **The Side Panel**

The security slot is located on a side panel.

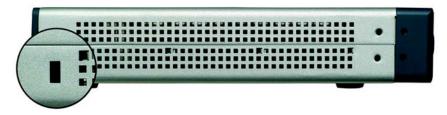


Figure 2-3: Side Panel

**Security Slot** The security slot is where you can attach a lock so the Switch will be protected from theft.

### **RJ-45 Ports**

The Switch is equipped with twenty-four auto-sensing RJ-45 ports. These RJ-45 ports support network speeds of either 10Mbps or 100Mbps, and can operate in half and full-duplex modes. Auto-sensing technology enables each port to automatically detect the speed of the device connected to it (10Mbps or 100Mbps), and adjust its speed and duplex accordingly.

To connect a device to a port, you will need to use a network cable. You will need to use Category 5 (or better) cable. For more information on twisted-pair cabling, refer to the Twisted-Pair Cabling section.

### The Gigabit Expansion Ports

The Switch is equipped with one miniGBIC port and two Gigabit Ethernet ports that provide for the installation of one expansion module. These ports provide links to high-speed network segments or individual workstations at speeds of up to 1000Mbps (Gigabit Ethernet).

To establish a Gigabit Ethernet connection, you will need to install an MGBT1, MGBSX2, or MGBLH1 Gigabit expansion module and use Category 5e cabling or fiber optic cabling. for more information on fiber optic cabling, refer to the Fiber Optic Cabling section.

### The Console Port

The Switch is equipped with a serial port labeled CONSOLE (located on the front of the switch) that allows you to connect to a computer's serial port (for configuration purposes) using the provided serial cable. You can use HyperTerminal to manage the Switch using the console port.

With this and many other Linksys products, your networking options are limitless. Go to the Linksys website at www.linksys.com for more information about products that work with the Switch.

# **Chapter 3: Connecting the Switch**

### **Overview**

This chapter will explain how to connect network devices to the Switch. For an example of a typical network configuration, see the application diagram shown in Figure 3-1.

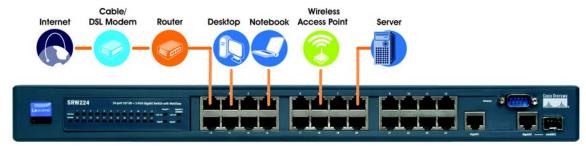


Figure 3-1: Typical Network Configuration

When you connect your network devices, make sure you don't exceed the maximum cabling distances, which are listed in the following table:

Maximum Cabling Distances.

**Table 1: Maximum Cabling Distances** 

From	То	Maximum Distance
Switch	Switch or Hub	100 meters (328 feet)
Hub	Hub	5 meters (16,4 feet)
Switch or Hub	Computer	100 meters (328 feet)

<sup>\*</sup>A hub refers to any type of 100Mbps hub, including regular hubs and stackable hubs. A 10Mbps hub connected to another 10Mbps hub can span up to 100 meters (328 feet)

### **Pre-Installation Considerations**

### **Fast Ethernet Considerations**

If you will be using the Switch for Fast Ethernet (100Mbps) applications, you must observe the following guidelines:

### **Full-Duplex Considerations**

As previously mentioned, the Switch provides full-duplex support for its RJ-45 ports. Full-duplex operation allows data to be sent and received simultaneously, doubling a port's potential data throughput.

If you will be using the Switch in full-duplex mode, the maximum cable length using Category 5 cable is 328 feet (100 meters).

### **Positioning the Switch**

Before you choose a location for the Switch, observe the following guidelines:

- Make sure that the switch is accessible and that the cables can be connected easily.
- Keep cabling away from sources of electrical noise, power lines, and fluorescent lighting fixtures.
- Position the Switch away from water and moisture sources.
- To ensure adequate air flow around the Switch, be sure to provide a minimum clearance of two inches (50 mm).
- Do not stack free-standing Switches more than four units high.
- Connect Network Devices

### **Hardware Installation**

To connect network devices to the Switch, follow these instructions:

- 1. Make sure all the devices you will connect to the Switch are powered off.
- 2. Connect a Category 5 Ethernet network cable to one of the numbered ports on the Switch.
- 3. Connect the other end to a PC or other network device.

- 4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to connect additional devices.
- 5. If you are using the Gigabit port, connect a Category 5e Ethernet network cable to the Gigabit port on the Switch, and connect the other end to a Gigabit server or other network device.
- 6. If you are using the mini-GBIC port, then connect the mini-GBIC module to the mini-GBIC port. For detailed instructions, refer to the module's documentation.



**IMPORTANT:** Make sure to use the power cord that is supplied with the Switch. Use of a different power cord could damage the Switch.

- 7. Connect the supplied power cord to the Switch's power port, and plug the other end into an electrical outlet.
- 8. Power on the devices connected to the Switch. Each active port's corresponding LED will light up on the Switch.



**NOTE:** If you need to reset the Switch, remove the power cord from the back of the Switch and then reconnect it.

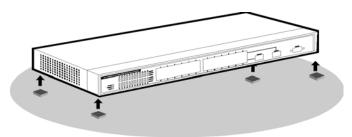


Figure 3-2: Attaching the Rubber Feet to the Bottom of the Switch

### **Placement Options**

There are two ways to physically install the Switch, either set the Switch on its four rubber feet for desktop placement or mount the Switch in a standard-sized, 19-inch high rack for rack-mount placement.

### **Desktop Placement**

- 1. Attach the rubber feet to the recessed areas on the bottom of the Switch. See Figure 3-1.
- 2. Place the Switch on a desktop near an AC power source.
- 3. Keep enough ventilation space for the Switch and check the environmental restrictions mentioned in specifications as you are placing the Switch.
- 4. Connect the Switch to network devices according to the Hardware Installation instructions, above.



**IMPORTANT:** Make sure to use the screws supplied with the mounting brackets. Using incorrect screws could damage the Switch and would invalidate your warranty.

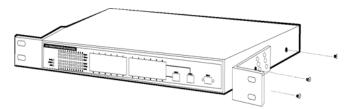


Figure 3-3: Attaching the Brackets to the Switch (Front Panel Forward)

### **Rack-Mount Placement**

To rack-mount the Switch in any standard 19-inch rack, follow the instructions described below.

- 1. Place the Switch on a hard flat surface with the front panel faced towards your front side
- 2. Attach a rack-mount bracket to one side of the Switch with the supplied screws. Figure 3-2 shows how to attach brackets to one side of the Switch.
- 3. Secure the brackets tightly.
- 4. Follow the same steps to attach the other bracket to the opposite side.
- 5. After the brackets are attached to the Switch, use suitable screws to securely attach the brackets to any standard 19-inch rack as shown in Figure 3-3.
- 6. Connect the Switch to network devices according to the Hardware Installation instructions.

### **Uplinking the Switch**

To uplink the Switch, connect one end of a Cat5 (or better) cable into one of the 24 10/100 ports, and then connect the other end of the cable into the peripheral device's uplink port. MDI/MDIX will automatically detect the speed and cable type.

The hardware installation is complete,. Proceed to Chapter 4: Setting Up the 24-port 10/100 + 2-Port Gigabit Switch with WebView, for directions on how to set up the Switch.

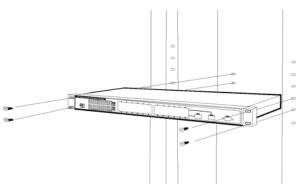


Figure 3-4: Mounting the Switch in A Rack

# **Chapter 4: Configuration using the Console Interface**

### **Overview**

The Switch features a menu-driven console interface for basic switch configuration. You can easily manage your network from the screens through the console port. Before you can use the console interface, you will need to configure the HyperTerminal application.

### **Configuring the HyperTerminal Application**

- 1. Click the **Start** button. Select **Accessories** and then **Communications**. HyperTerminal should be one of the options listed in this menu. Select **HyperTerminal**. Running the Hyper Terminal utility program.
- 2. Enter a name for this connection. In the example below, the name of connection is SRW224. Select an icon for the application. Click **OK**.
- 3. Select a port to communicate with the switch. Select **COM1**, **COM2**, or **TCP/IP**.
- 4. Set the serial port settings, as follows, then click **OK**.

Bits per Second: 19200

Databits: 8

Parity: None

Stop bits: 1

Flow control: None



Figure 4-1: Finding HyperTerminal



Figure 4-2: Connection Description



Figure 4-3: Connect To

### **Configuring the Switch through the Console Interface**

### Login

When you finish configuring the Hyper Terminal, the Login screen will appear. The first time you open the Web-Based Utility, use the default username **admin**, and leave the password blank. Click the **Login** button. You can set a new password later from the Password Setting screen.

### **Switch Screens**

The Switch screens consist of a series of menus. Each menu has several options, which are listed vertically. A highlight in each menu lets you select the option you wish to choose; pressing the Enter key activates the highlighted option.

To navigate through the Console Interface use the Up Arrow or Down Arrow keys to move up or down, use the Enter key to select, and the Esc key to return to the previous selection; menu options and any values entered or present will get highlighted. Note that the bottom of the window always has a listing of the appropriate key strokes.

### Switch Main Menu

The Switch Main Menu screen displays four menu choices: System Configuration, Port Status, Port Configuration, and Logout.

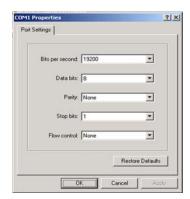


Figure 4-4: COM1 Properties



Figure 4-5: Login

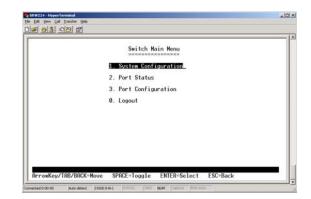


Figure 4-6: Switch Main Menu

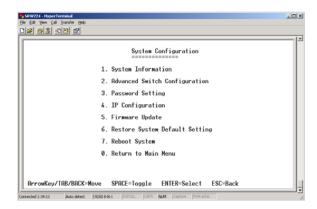
### **System Configuration**

System Configuration displays:

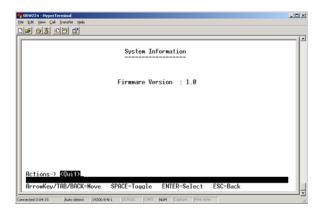
- 1. System Information
- 2. Advanced Switch Configuration
- 3. Password Setting
- 4. IP Configuration
- 5. Firmware Update
- 6. Restore System Default Setting
- 7. Reboot System
- 0. Return to Main Menu.

### **System Information**

In System Information, you can check the Firmware Version.



**Figure 4-7: System Configuration** 



**Figure 4-8: System Information** 

### **Advanced Switch Configuration**

This screen allows you to make advanced switch configuration settings.

Broadcast Storm Filter. This allows you to filter by percentage the amount of broadcast traffic to your network to prevent a storm of too many broadcasts from being sent at the same time. Select **5%**, **10%**, or **20%**. Select **Off** to prevent filtering.

Collision Retry Forever. In a collision, a packet will be re-sent until it reaches its destination. To enable this feature, select **Enable**. To disable this feature, select **Disable**.

MAC Table Auto-Aging. If there is no response from a network device when searching for a MAC address within the chosen time, the switch will remove the MAC address from the MAC address table. Select 150 sec, 300 sec, or 600 sec. To disable this feature, select Disable.

MAC Table Hashing. Select from a choice of two algorithm types used to check the MAC address table to determine which MAC address is associated with what port or destination on the network. Select **Direct Map** or **CRC** (Cyclical Redundancy Checking) **Hash**.

Console Auto Logout Time. The console will log out after the chosen time. Select 5 min, 10 min, or 20 min. Select Never to disable the feature.

Web Auto Logout Time. The Web interface will log out after the chosen time. Select 5 min, 10 min, or 20 min.

### **Password Configuration**

This screen allows you to set a password for your Switch.

Password Protection. To set a password for your network, select **Enable**. Enter your user name in the field, then the password. Enter the password again to confirm that it is correct. If you don't want to have a password to enter the network, select **Disable**. The Username and Password can only be a maximum of six characters, using the letters a through z, and numbers 0 through 9.

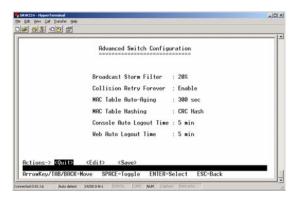


Figure 4-9: Advanced Switch Configuration



Figure 4-10: Password Setting

### **IP Configuration**

IP information is displayed here.

- MAC Address. The MAC Address of the Switch is displayed.
- IP Address. This IP Address of the network is displayed. (The default IP address is 192.168.1.254.) Verify that the address you enter is correct and does not conflict with another device on the network.
- Subnet Mask. The subnet mask of the network is displayed.
- Default Gateway. The default gateway of the network is displayed.

If you would like to change the IP address settings of the Switch, select Edit at he bottom of the screen.

### Firmware Update

When new firmware becomes available, you can update the Switch. To update the firmware, select **Firmware Update**. When the message asks if you want to continue the update, select **Y** to continue or **N** if you want to cancel.



**IMPORTANT:** Do not disconnect the power during a firmware upgrade. Damage to Switch could occur.

After you select yes, the Switch will be set to receive the file. At the top of your screen, select **Transfer** from the Main Menu, then select **Send File**.

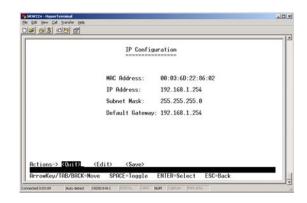


Figure 4-11: IP Configuration

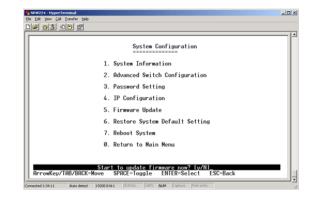


Figure 4-12: Firmware Update

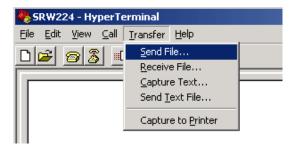


Figure 4-13: Main Menu

The Send File screen will appear. Click **Browse** to locate the firmware file. Select the **Xmodem** protocol from the Protocol drop-down menu. Click **Send** to send the firmware.

The Xmodem File Send for SRW224 screen will appear to display the status of the upgrade.

When you are prompted to restart the Switch, select **Y** to restart the Switch.

### **Restore System Default Setting**

To restore the Switch back to the factory default settings, select Restore System Default Setting and press enter. A confirmation message will appear stating that All User Configuration data will be reset to Default. Continue? [y/n]. Press the "y" key to continue or the "n" key to cancel the restoration.

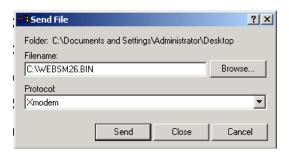


Figure 4-14: Send File

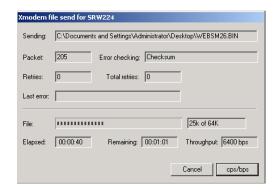


Figure 4-15: Xmodem File Send for SRW224

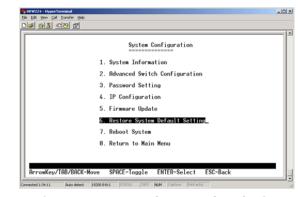


Figure 4-16: Restore System Default Setting

### **Reboot System**

If you would like to reboot the Switch, select Reboot System and press Enter.

### Return to Main Menu

Select Return to Main Menu if you want to return to the main menu.



Figure 4-17: Reboot System

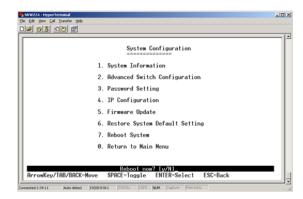


Figure 4-18: Return to Main Menu

### **Port Status**

This screen allows you to view the status of a port. The Port, Enable, Link Status, Spd/Dpx, and Flow Control are displayed.

### **Port Configuration**

This screen allows you to change the status of a port. Select the port, then **Enable** the port you want to configure or **Disable** if you don't. For the Speed/Duplex, enter **10 Half**, **10 Full**, **100 Half**, **100 Full**, or **Auto** for Auto MDI/MDIX. For Flow Control, select **0n** to control the flow of the packet transmission or **0ff**.

### <u>Logout</u>

Select Logout to log out of the console configuration utility.

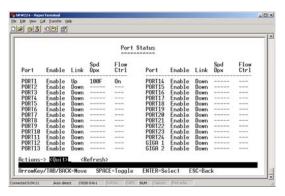


Figure 4-19: Port Status

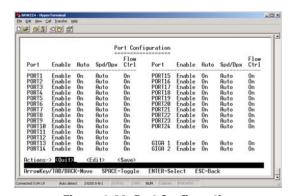


Figure 4-20: Port Configuration

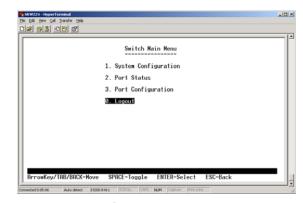


Figure 4-21: Logout

# Chapter 5: Configuring the Switch through the Web Utility

### **Overview**

Open your web browser and enter **192.168.1.254** into the address field. Press the **Enter** key and the Password screen will appear. The first time you open the Web-Based Utility, use the default username **admin**, and leave the password blank. Click the **Login** button. You can set a new password later from the Password Setting screen.

The first screen that appears displays the Welcome Screen. This allows you to access the six tabs: System, Port, Trunk, VLAN, QoS, and Logout. Click a tab to view its contents.



Figure 5-1: Addrees Field



Figure 5-2: Password Screen



Figure 5-3: Welcome Screen

### **System Tab**

The System tab displays the system information.

- Firmware version. The current firmware version is displayed.
- MAC Address. The MAC Address of the Switch is displayed.
- IP Address. This IP Address of the network is displayed. (The default IP address is 192.168.1.254. Verify the address. You can change the IP address, subnet mask, and default gateway here.
- Subnet Mask. The subnet mask of the network is displayed.
- Default Gateway. The default gateway of the network is displayed.

Click the **Apply** button after you have verified that the information is correct.

These following links are available on this tab:

To configure the advanced switch configuration, click the Click here to configure MISC configuration link.

To configure your username and password, click the **Click here to configure your Username/Password** link. (Figure 5-6)

To reboot your system, click the **Click here to reboot system** link.

To restore the Switch back to the default settings, click the Click here to restore system default setting link.

### Advanced Switch Configuration (Figure 5-5.)

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Broadcast Storm Filter. This allows you to filter by percentage the amount of broadcast traffic to your network to prevent a storm of too many broadcasts from being sent at the same time. Select **5%**, **10%**, or **20%** from the drop-down menu. Select **0ff** to prevent filtering.

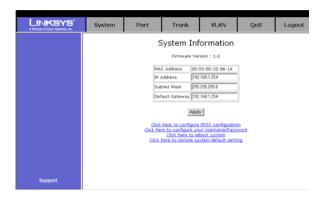


Figure 5-4: System Tab-System Information

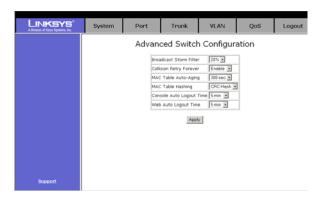


Figure 5-5: System Tab-MISC Configuration

Collision Retry Forever. In a collision, a packet will be re-sent until it reaches its destination. To enable this feature, select **Enable** from the drop-down menu. To disable this feature, select **Disable**.

MAC Table Auto-Aging. If there is no response from a network device when searching for a MAC address within the chosen time, the switch will remove the MAC address from the MAC address table. Select 150 sec, 300 sec, or 600 sec from the drop-down menu. To disable this feature, select Disable.

MAC Table Hashing. Select from a choice of two algorithm type used to check the MAC address table to determine which MAC address is associated with what port or destination on the network. Select **Direct Map** or **CRC** (Cyclical Redundancy Checking) **Hash** from the drop-down menu.

Console Auto Logout Time. The console will log out after the chosen time. Select 5 min, 10 min, or 20 min from the drop-down menu. Select Never to disable the feature.

Web Auto Logout Time. The Web interface will log out after the chosen time. Select 5 min, 10 min, or 20 min from the drop-down menu.

### **Password Setting**

This screen allows you to set a password for your Switch.

Password Protection. To set a password for your network, select **Enable** from the drop-down menu. Enter your user name in the field, then the password. Enter the password again to confirm that it is correct. If you don't want to have a password to configure the Switch, select **Disable**.

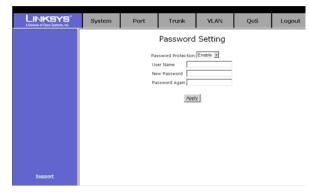


Figure 5-6: System Tab-Username/Password Setting

### **Port Tab**

This tab allows you to view the status of a port. The Port, Enable, Link Status, Spd/Dpx, and Flow Control are displayed.

Click **Click here to configure Speed/Duplex of each Port**, which is located at the bottom of the screen, to configure the ports.

### **Port Configuration**

This screen allows you to change the status of a port. Select the port, then select **Enable** or **Disable** to enable or disable the port you want to configure. For the Speed/Duplex, enter **10 Half**, **10 Full**, **100 Half**, **100 Full**, or **Auto** (turns Auto MDI/MDIX on or off). For Flow Control, select **0n** to control the flow of the packet transmission or **Off**.

Click Apply when finished with your changes.



Figure 5-7: Port Tab-Port Status

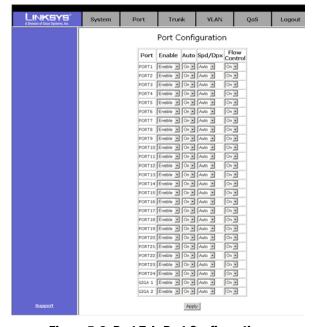


Figure 5-8: Port Tab-Port Configuration

### **Trunk Tab**

This tab allows you to configure the trunk group. Select the port, then select if it is a normal port, then select the group you want to add the port to.

Click Apply when finished with your changes.

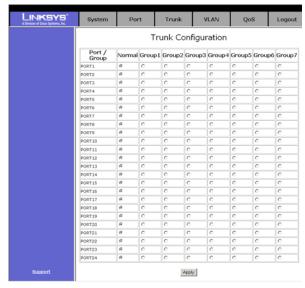


Figure 5-9: Trunk Configuration

### **VLAN Tab**

### **VLAN Configuration**

This tab allows you to configure the VLAN feature.

To configure the VLAN, select **PortBased** or **802.1Q** from the drop-down menu. To disable this feature, select **Disable**. I

### 802.1Q VLAN Mode

The VLAN Group list will display the existing VLAN groups. To add a VLAN group, click **Add New**. To delete a group from the list, click **Delete**. Click **Click Advanced 802.1Q VLAN Setting** to change settings.

Click **Apply** to save the changes.



Figure 5-10: 802.1Q VLAN

### Advanced 802.1Q VLAN Setting

For each port, select **Drop** or **Forward** for Nonmember and Untagged.

### Edit a 802.1Q VLAN Group

To add an 802.1QVLAN group, enter an identifying number between 1 and 255 in the *VLAN ID* field. Select **Tagged** from the drop-down menu under the port for each port that you want to add. Click **Apply** to save the changes.

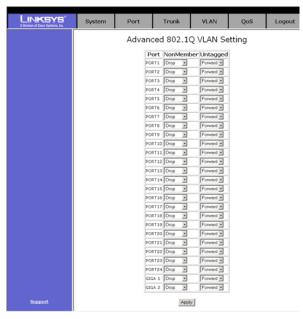


Figure 5-11: Advanced 802.1Q VLAN Setting

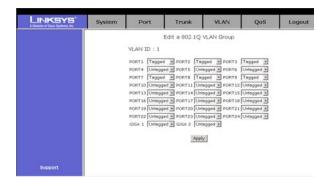


Figure 5-12: Edit a 802.1Q VLAN Group

If you change from an 802.1q VLAN mode to a Port-based VLAN mode, this screen will appear.



Figure 5-13: Mode Change

### PortBased VLAN Mode

The VLAN Group list will display the existing VLAN groups. To add a VLAN group, click **Add New**. To delete a group from the list, click **Delete**.

Click Apply to save the changes.

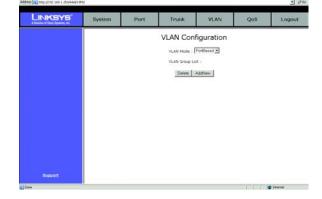


Figure 5-14: Port Based VLAN

### Add a PortBased VLAN Group

To add a PortBased VLAN group, enter an identifying number between 1 and 255 in the *Group ID* field. Select **Member** from the drop-down menu under the port for each port that you want to add. Click **Apply** to save the changes.

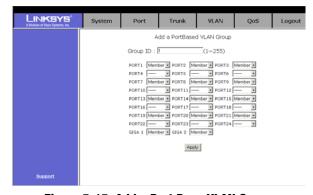


Figure 5-15: Add a Port Base VLAN Group

### **QoS Configuration**

This screen allows you to configure the QoS. Select the *QoS Mode* of **High Low = 3:1**, **Disable QoS Priority**, **High Empty Then Low**, **High Low = 3:1**, **High Low = 5:1**, **High Low = 7:1** from the drop-down menu. Select the *Static Port Ingress Priority* of **High** or **Low** from the drop-down menu, for the port you want to configure. Select **Off** for the port to remain unchanged. For *802/1p Priority* [7-0], select from **0** to **7**, then select **High** or **Low** from the drop-down menu.

Click Apply to save the changes.

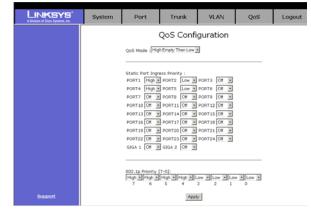


Figure 5-16: QoS Configuration

### **Logout Tab**

Click Logout OK to logout. Click back to go to the previous screen.



Figure 5-17: Logout Tab

# **Appendix A: Fast Ethernet and Gigabit Ethernet**

### **About Fast Ethernet**

- 1. As the demand for desktop video, multimedia development, imaging, and other speed-intensive applications continues to rise, the need for high performance, fault tolerant LAN technology will become more critical.
- Standard Ethernet, which has been the most popular networking technology to date with a maximum data throughput of 10Mbps (Megabits per second), is becoming insufficient to handle the latest video, multimedia, and other speed-intensive client/server LAN applications.
- 3. Among the solutions to the problem of network speed, Fast Ethernet has emerged as the most viable and economical. Capable of sending and receiving data at 100Mbps, it is more than fast enough to handle even the most demanding video and other real-time applications.
- 4. Although there are a number of different competing Fast Ethernet implementations, 100BaseTX is by far the most popular. Operating on two pairs of Category 5 unshielded twisted-pair (UTP) cabling, 100BaseTX supports high speed signaling and is relatively inexpensive. Because it uses four wires for data transmission and the same packet format, packet length, error control, and management information as 10BaseT, 100BaseTX can be made to communicate with slower 10BaseT equipment when routed through a switch.
- 5. This backwards compatibility is one of 100BaseTX's major advantages over other forms of Fast Ethernet; it allows critical, speed-dependent network segments to be upgraded to 100BaseTX speeds as needed without re-wiring, refitting, and retraining an entire site. Networks can now mix both slow and fast network segments for different users or departments. Publishing, R&D, video, multimedia, or accounting departments can enjoy a 100Mbps pace, while other corporate segments can operate at slower and more affordable 10Mbps speeds.

### **About Gigabit Ethernet**

Gigabit Ethernet runs at speeds of 1Gbps (Gigabit per second), ten times faster than 100Mbps Fast Ethernet, but it still integrates seamlessly with 100Mbps Fast Ethernet hardware. Users can connect Gigabit Ethernet hardware with either fiber optic cabling or copper Category 5 cabling, with fiber optics more suited for network backbones. As the new Gigabit standard gradually integrates into existing networks, current computer applications will enjoy faster access time for network data, hardware, and Internet connections.

# **Appendix B: Cabling**

### **Overview**

Twisted Pair Cabling and Fiber Optic Cabling are discussed in this appendix.

### **Twisted Pair Cabling**

There are different grades, or categories, of twisted-pair cabling. Category 5 is the most reliable and is highly recommended. Straight-through cables are used for connecting computers to a hub. Crossover cables are used for connecting a hub to another hub (there is an exception: some hubs have a built-in uplink port that is crossed internally, which allows you to link or connect hubs together with a straight-through cable instead).

You can buy pre-made Category 5 cabling, or cut and crimp your own. Category 5 cables can be purchased or crimped as either straight-through or crossover cables. A Category 5 cable has 8 thin, color-coded wires inside that run from one end of the cable to the other. All 8 wires are used. In a straight-through cable, wires 1, 2, 3, and 6 at one end of the cable are also wires 1, 2, 3, and 6 at the other end. In a crossover cable, the order of the wires change from one end to the other: wire 1 becomes 3, and 2 becomes 6. See the diagrams on the next page for more detailed information on straight-through and crossover cabling.

To determine which wire is wire number 1, hold the cable so that the end of the plastic RJ-45 tip (the part that goes into a wall jack first) is facing away from you. Face the clip down so that the copper side faces up (the springy clip will now be parallel to the floor). When looking down on the copper side, wire 1 will be on the far left.

### **Crimping your own Network Cables**

The processes for straight-through cabling and crossed-over cabling are illustrated below.

# RJ-45 Color Chart Wire 1 → White with an Orange Stripe Wire 2 → Orange Wire 3 → White with a Green Stripe Wire 4 → Blue Wire 5 → White with a Blue Stripe Wire 6 → Green Wire 7 → White with a Brown Stripe Wire 8 → Brown Examination Examination Wire 8 → Brown Examination Ex

Figure B-1: Cable Charts

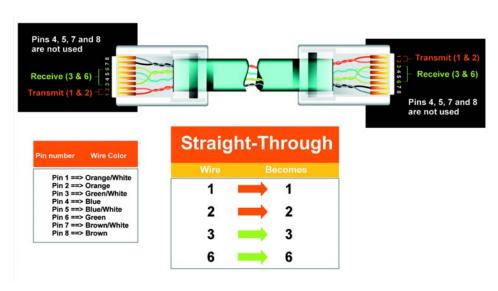


Figure B-2: Straight-Through Cable

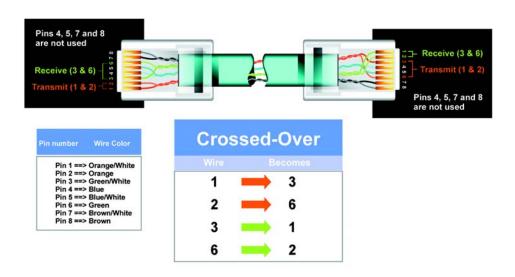


Figure B-3: Crossed-Over Cable

### **Fiber Optic Cabling**

Fiber optic cabling is made from flexible, optically efficient strands of glass and coated with a layer of rubber tubing, fiber optics use photons of light instead of electrons to send and receive data. Although fiber is physically capable of carrying terabits of data per second, the signaling hardware currently on the market can handle no more than a few gigabits of data per second.

Fiber cables come with two main connector types. The most commonly used fiber optic cable is multi-mode fiber cable (MMF), with a 62.5 micron fiber optic core. Single-mode fiber cabling is somewhat more efficient than multi-mode but far more expensive, due to its smaller optic core that helps retain the intensity of traveling light signals. A fiber connection always require two fiber cables: one transmits data, and the other receives it.

Each fiber optic cable is tipped with a connector that fits into a fiber port on a network adapter, hub, or switch. In the U. S., most cables use a square SC connector that slides and locks into place when plugged into a port or connected to another cable. In Europe, the round ST connector is more prevalent.

You must use the Linksys MGBT1, MGBSX1, or MGBLH1 miniGBIC modules with the Linksys SRW224. The MGBSX1 and the MGBLH1 require fiber cabling with LC connectors. The MGBT1 requires a Category 5 Ethernet Cable with an RJ-45 connector.

# **Appendix D: Glossary**

**Adapter** - A device that adds network functionality to your PC.

AES (Advanced Encryption Standard) - A security method that uses symmetric 128-bit block data encryption.

**Backbone** - The part of a network that connects most of the systems and networks together, and handles the most data.

**Bandwidth** - The transmission capacity of a given device or network.

Bit - A binary digit.

**Boot** - To start a device and cause it to start executing instructions.

**Bridge** - A device that connects different networks.

**Broadband** - An always-on, fast Internet connection.

**Browser** - An application program that provides a way to look at and interact with all the information on the World Wide Web.

**Buffer** - A shared or assigned memory area that is used to support and coordinate different computing and networking activities so one isn't held up by the other.

Byte - A unit of data that is usually eight bits long

**Cable Modem** - A device that connects a computer to the cable television network, which in turn connects to the Internet.

CSMA/CA (Carrier Sense Multiple Access/Collision Avoidance) - A method of data transfer that is used to prevent data collisions.

CTS (Clear To Send) - A signal sent by a wireless device, signifying that it is ready to receive data.

**Daisy Chain** - A method used to connect devices in a series, one after the other.

**Database** - A collection of data that is organized so that its contents can easily be accessed, managed, and updated.

**DDNS** (**D**ynamic **D**omain **N**ame **S**ystem) - Allows the hosting of a website, FTP server, or e-mail server with a fixed domain name (e.g., www.xyz.com) and a dynamic IP address.

**Default Gateway** - A device that forwards Internet traffic from your local area network.

**DHCP** (**D**ynamic **H**ost **C**onfiguration **P**rotocol) - A networking protocol that allows administrators to assign temporary IP addresses to network computers by "leasing" an IP address to a user for a limited amount of time, instead of assigning permanent IP addresses.

**DMZ** (Demilitarized Zone) - Removes the Router's firewall protection from one PC, allowing it to be "seen" from the Internet.

**DNS** (Domain Name Server) - The IP address of your ISP's server, which translates the names of websites into IP addresses.

**Domain** - A specific name for a network of computers.

**Download** - To receive a file transmitted over a network.

DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) - An always-on broadband connection over traditional phone lines.

**DSSS** (Direct-Sequence Spread-Spectrum) - Frequency transmission with a redundant bit pattern resulting in a lower probability of information being lost in transit.

**DTIM** (Delivery Traffic Indication Message) - A message included in data packets that can increase wireless efficiency.

**Dynamic IP Address** - A temporary IP address assigned by a DHCP server.

**Ethernet** - A networking protocol that specifies how data is placed on and retrieved from a common transmission medium.

Finger - A program that tells you the name associated with an e-mail address.

**Firewall** - A set of related programs located at a network gateway server that protects the resources of a network from users from other networks.

**Firmware** - The programming code that runs a networking device.

**Fragmentation** -Breaking a packet into smaller units when transmitting over a network medium that cannot support the original size of the packet.

FTP (File Transfer Protocol) - A protocol used to transfer files over a TCP/IP network.

Full Duplex - The ability of a networking device to receive and transmit data simultaneously.

**Gateway** - A device that interconnects networks with different, incompatible communications protocols.

**Half Duplex** - Data transmission that can occur in two directions over a single line, but only one direction at a time.

Hardware - The physical aspect of computers, telecommunications, and other information technology devices.

HTTP (HyperText Transport Protocol) - The communications protocol used to connect to servers on the World Wide Web.

**Infrastructure** - A wireless network that is bridged to a wired network via an access point.

**IP** (Internet **P**rotocol) - A protocol used to send data over a network.

**IP Address** - The address used to identify a computer or device on a network.

**IPCONFIG** - A Windows 2000 and XP utility that displays the IP address for a particular networking device.

IPSec (Internet Protocol Security) - A VPN protocol used to implement secure exchange of packets at the IP layer.

ISM band - Radio bandwidth utilized in wireless transmissions.

**ISP** (Internet Service Provider) - A company that provides access to the Internet.

**LAN** - The computers and networking products that make up your local network.

**LEAP** (Lightweight Extensible Authentication Protocol) - A mutual authentication method that uses a username and password system.

**MAC** (Media Access Control) Address - The unique address that a manufacturer assigns to each networking device.

Mbps (MegaBits Per Second) - One million bits per second; a unit of measurement for data transmission.

mIRC - An Internet Relay Chat program that runs under Windows.

Multicasting - Sending data to a group of destinations at once.

**NAT** (Network Address Translation) - NAT technology translates IP addresses of a local area network to a different IP address for the Internet.

**NAT** (Network Address Translation) **Traversal** -A method of enabling specialized applications, such as Internet phone calls, video, and audio, to travel between your local network and the Internet. STUN is a specific type of NAT traversal.

**Network** - A series of computers or devices connected for the purpose of data sharing, storage, and/or transmission between users.

NNTP (Network News Transfer Protocol) - The protocol used to connect to Usenet groups on the Internet.

**Node** - A network junction or connection point, typically a computer or work station.

Packet - A unit of data sent over a network.

**Passphrase** - Used much like a password, a passphrase simplifies the WEP encryption process by automatically generating the WEP encryption keys for Linksys products.

Ping (Packet INternet Groper) - An Internet utility used to determine whether a particular IP address is online.

POP3 (Post Office Protocol 3) - A standard mail server commonly used on the Internet.

Port - The connection point on a computer or networking device used for plugging in cables or adapters.

Power over Ethernet (PoE) - A technology enabling an Ethernet network cable to deliver both data and power.

**PPPOE** (Point to Point Protocol over Ethernet) - A type of broadband connection that provides authentication (username and password) in addition to data transport.

**PPTP** (Point-to-Point Tunneling Protocol) - A VPN protocol that allows the Point to Point Protocol (PPP) to be tunneled through an IP network. This protocol is also used as a type of broadband connection in Europe.

**RADIUS** (Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service) - A protocol that uses an authentication server to control network access.

**RJ-45** (Registered Jack-45) - An Ethernet connector that holds up to eight wires.

**Router** - A networking device that connects multiple networks together.

**RTP** (Real-time Transport Protocol) - A protocol that enables specialized applications, such as Internet phone calls, video, and audio, to occur in real time.

RTS (Request To Send) - A networking method of coordinating large packets through the RTS Threshold setting.

**Server** - Any computer whose function in a network is to provide user access to files, printing, communications, and other services.

SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol) - The standard e-mail protocol on the Internet.

SNMP (Simple Network Management Protocol) - A widely used network monitoring and control protocol.

**Software** - Instructions for the computer. A series of instructions that performs a particular task is called a "program".

SOHO (Small Office/Home Office) - Market segment of professionals who work at home or in small offices.

**SPI** (Stateful Packet Inspection) **Firewall** - A technology that inspects incoming packets of information before allowing them to enter the network.

Static IP Address - A fixed address assigned to a computer or device that is connected to a network.

**Static Routing** - Forwarding data in a network via a fixed path.

**Subnet Mask** - An address code that determines the size of the network.

**Switch** - 1. A data switch that connects computing devices to host computers, allowing a large number of devices to share a limited number of ports. 2. A device for making, breaking, or changing the connections in an electrical circuit.

**TCP** (Transmission Control Protocol) - A network protocol for transmitting data that requires acknowledgement from the recipient of data sent.

**TCP/IP** (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol) - A set of instructions PCs use to communicate over a network.

Telnet - A user command and TCP/IP protocol used for accessing remote PCs.

**TFTP** (**T**rivial **F**ile **T**ransfer **P**rotocol) - A version of the TCP/IP FTP protocol that has no directory or password capability.

**Throughput** - The amount of data moved successfully from one node to another in a given time period.

**TKIP** (Temporal Key Integrity Protocol) - a wireless encryption protocol that provides dynamic encryption keys for each packet transmitted.

**Topology** - The physical layout of a network.

**TX Rate** - Transmission Rate.

**UDP** (**U**ser **D**atagram **P**rotocol) - A network protocol for transmitting data that does not require acknowledgement from the recipient of the data that is sent.

**Upgrade** - To replace existing software or firmware with a newer version.

**Upload** - To transmit a file over a network.

**URL** (Uniform Resource Locator) - The address of a file located on the Internet.

**VPN** (Virtual Private Network) - A security measure to protect data as it leaves one network and goes to another over the Internet.

**WAN** (Wide Area Network)- The Internet.

WINIPCFG - A Windows 98 and Me utility that displays the IP address for a particular networking device.

## **Appendix C: Windows Help**

All wireless products require Microsoft Windows. Windows is the most used operating system in the world and comes with many features that help make networking easier. These features can be accessed through Windows Help and are described in this appendix.

### TCP/IP

Before a computer can communicate within a network, TCP/IP must be enabled. TCP/IP is a set of instructions, or protocol, all PCs follow to communicate over a network. This is true for wireless networks as well. Your PCs will not be able to utilize wireless networking without having TCP/IP enabled. Windows Help provides complete instructions on enabling TCP/IP.

### **Shared Resources**

If you wish to share printers, folder, or files over your network, Windows Help provides complete instructions on utilizing shared resources.

### **Network Neighborhood/My Network Places**

Other PCs on your network will appear under Network Neighborhood or My Network Places (depending upon the version of Windows you're running). Windows Help provides complete instructions on adding PCs to your network.

Appendix C: Windows Help

# **Appendix E: Specifications**

Standards IEEE 802.3, IEEE 802.3u, IEEE 802.3ab

Ports 24 - 10/100 , 2 - 10/100/1000, 1 - MiniGBIC, 1-Console

Cabling Type UTP CAT 5e or better

LEDs System, Link/Act, Gigabit, Gigabit 1, Gigabit 2/miniGBIC

Dimensions 17.01" x 1.77" x 13.74" (L x W x H) (43 mm x 45 mm x 349 mm)

Unit Weight 8.6 lbs (3.9 kg)

Power Voltage Range 100 ~ 240VAC, Frequency range 50 – 60Hz, 50W max

Certifications FCC Class B, CE, UL

Operating Temp. 0°C to 40°C (32°F to 104°F)

Storage Temp. -20°C to 70°C (-4°F to 158°F)

Operating Humidity 10% to 90% Non-Condensing

Storage Humidity 10% to 95% Non-Condensing

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# **Appendix F: Warranty Information**

### LIMITED WARRANTY

Linksys warrants to You that, for a period of one year (the "Warranty Period"), your Linksys Product will be substantially free of defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. Your exclusive remedy and Linksys' entire liability under this warranty will be for Linksys at its option to repair or replace the Product or refund Your purchase price less any rebates. This limited warranty extends only to the original purchaser.

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# **Appendix G: Regulatory Information**

### **FCC STATEMENT**

This product has been tested and complies with the specifications for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used according to the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which is found by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna

Increase the separation between the equipment or devices

Connect the equipment to an outlet other than the receiver's

Consult a dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for assistance

### **FCC Radiation Exposure Statement**

This equipment complies with FCC radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with minimum distance 20cm between the radiator and your body.

### **INDUSTRY CANADA (CANADA)**

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Cet appareil numérique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

The use of this device in a system operating either partially or completely outdoors may require the user to obtain a license for the system according to the Canadian regulations.

# **Appendix H: Contact Information**

Need to contact Linksys? Visit us online for information on the latest products and updates to your existing products at:

Can't find information about a product you want to buy on the web? Do you want to know more about networking with Linksys products? Give our advice line a call at: Or fax your request in to:

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If any Linksys product proves defective during its warranty period, you can call the Linksys Return Merchandise Authorization department for obtaining a Return Authorization Number at: (Details on Warranty and RMA issues can be found in the Warranty Information section in this Guide.)

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